

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koji SHIMAZAWA and Koichi TERUNUMA

Application No.: Rule 53(b) Divisional of 09/920,821 filed August 3, 2001

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Docket No.: 110308.01

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING MAGNETORESISTIVE DEVICE CAPABLE OF PREVENTING A SENSE CURRENT FROM FLOWING INTO DEAD REGIONS OF A MAGNETORESISTIVE ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD (AS AMENDED)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please consider the following:

Amendments to the Specification;

Remarks.